

Oath of Office

102.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that oaths, when appropriate, are administered to department members.

102.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Fargo Police Department that, when appropriate, department members affirm the oath of their office as an expression of commitment to the constitutional rights of those served by the Department and the dedication of its members to their duties.

102.3 OATH OF OFFICE

All department members, when appropriate, shall take and subscribe to the oaths or affirmations applicable to their position (N.D.C.C. § 40-13-03; N.D.C.C. § 44-01-05; N.D.C.C. § 44-02-01(6); N.D. Const. art. XI, § 4; N.D.A.C. § 109-02-05-02).

In addition, all members shall acknowledge the department's code of ethics and their responsibility to adhere to it. Members who are peace officers shall also take an oath to adhere to the peace officer's code of conduct and to not betray the trust of a fellow peace officer or the public (N.D.A.C. § 109-02-05-02).

The form of oath should be as follows:

"On my honor, I do solemnly swear that I will uphold the Constitution of the United States, the laws of the State of North Dakota, and the City of Fargo. I will always have the courage to hold myself and others accountable for our actions. I will keep my private life unsullied and I will never betray my badge, my integrity, my character, or the public trust in my position as a Fargo Police Officer."

102.4 MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS

The oath of office shall be filed as prescribed by law (N.D.C.C. § 40-13-03; N.D.C.C. § 44-05-04).